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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of

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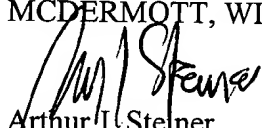
Sir:

Submitted herewith in triplicate is Appellant(s) Appeal Brief in support of the Notice of Appeal filed January 23, 2001. Please charge the Appeal Brief fee of \$310.00 to Deposit Account 500417.

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Applicants again note the Examiner's acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement. However, the copy of the Form PTO-1449 furnished is only partly initialed.

Applicants, therefore, **again** request the Examiner to provide a completely initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of each of the cited references.

Applicants again note that the relevance of the references which have not been initialed by the Examiner are discussed in the specification, notably at page 1, lines 21 and 22, and at page 2, line 9. Adverting to the Information Disclosure Statement submitted September 16, 1999, at page 1, ultimate paragraph, it was indicated that the relevance of each non-English language reference is discussed in the specification. The correspondence and relationship of several of the non-English language references was also made known.

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